IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Appln. Of: NAGAKURA

09/819,516

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: AIR-TIGHT VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH GAS FEEDER . . .

Group: 1763

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT D UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed February 25, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

Please amend the Application as follows: